

REMARKS

In response to the above-identified Office Action, Applicants amend the application and seeks reconsideration thereof. In this response, Applicants submit amended Figures. Applicants submit a substitute specification and amend the abstract. Applicants amend Claims 1-17. Applicants do not cancel any claims or add any new claims.

I. Drawings

The Examiner indicates that the Figures are objected to because their scale makes them visually difficult to read. Applicants submit the Figures re-scaled to comply with the Examiner's request. Applicants respectfully request approval of the amendment.

II. Specification

The Examiner objects to disclosure of the abstract because it uses claim phraseology. Applicants submit an amended abstract to comply with the Examiner's request. Applicants respectfully request approval of the amendment.

The Examiner objects to the disclosure because it is replete with numerous grammatical errors. Applicants submit a substitute specification under CFR 1.125(b) to comply with the Examiner's request. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added. Applicants respectfully request approval of the substitute specification. Applicants provide a marked-up copy of the substitute specification showing the matter being added to and the matter being deleted from the specification of record.

III. Claims

The Examiner objects to Claims 1-17 because they contain numerous typographical errors and grammatical errors. Applicants amend Claims 1-17 to comply with the Examiner's request. Applicants respectfully request approval of the amendments.

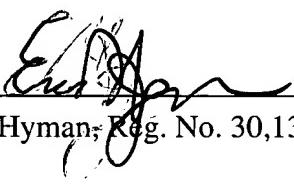
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending (1) are in proper form, (2) are neither obvious nor anticipated by the relied upon art of record, and (3) are in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would be useful in moving the application forward to allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (310) 207-3800.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: 9/8/03 By 

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail with sufficient postage in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 on September 8, 2003.

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